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SUPERZONE

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Time Zone

THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, WHERE SONIC AND AMY ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A NEW ADVENTURE...

THERE'S A GATEWAY TO ONE OF THE NEW ZONES UP AHEAD, AMY!

JUST ONE OF MANY NEW ZONES! WE HAVE TO CHECK THEM OUT IN CASE THEY POSE A DANGER TO THE EMERALD HILL!

GOOD LUCK, GUYS! BRING ME A STICK OF ROCK BACK!

SKRONNKLE!

WOW! WHAT SORT OF PLACE IS THIS?

A ZONE FULL OF SUPER-HEROES!

THAT'S ALL WE NEED!

HERO SQ

BEHOLD, STRANGERS! I AM MUSCLEMAN, THE MAN WITH THE SIX-PACK STOMACH!

I THINK YOU'VE BEEN NEGLECTING YOUR MIND, MISTER!

HMPH! AND WHAT ARE YOUR SUPER-POWERS, GIRL?

I HAVE SUPER-PATIENCE!

SUDDENLY...

OH NO! MY UNPREDICTABLE FLYING ABILITIES APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN A LUNCH BREAK!

HELP!

OUT OF MY WAY!

WHOOSH!

WHIZZZ!

WHOA! I'M SLOWING DOWN!

OBSERVE! THE BLUE-SPIKED ONE SAVED PART-TIME POWERS MAN FROM BECOMING PAVEMENT PIZZA, BY CREATING A FUNNEL OF SPEED!

DO YOU GOONS ALWAYS STATE THE OBVIOUS?

WITH SUCH AMAZING SKILLS AS YOURS, YOU MUST JOIN US AT THE SUPER-HEROES CONVENTION THIS EVENING!

WE'RE HERE TO LOOK FOR BAD GUYS, NOT DO-GOODERS!

LATER, THE CONVENTION BEGINS...

GREETINGS, ORGANISER! WHAT'S ON THE TIMETABLE FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT?

HERO CON - '99

OKAY, FIRST OFF IT'S A DISCUSSION ON "SECRET IDENTITIES: DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW." THEN IT'S "INVISIBLE MENDING FOR LADDERED TIGHTS"...

SUPERHEROES! WHAT ARE YOU LOT DOING HERE?

SMAASH!

OH NO! IT'S JACKO LANTERN AND THE SUPER VILLAINS!

BUZZ OFF, LANTERN! WE'RE HAVING A CONVENTION!

YOU CLEAR OFF, CAPTAIN EGO! IT'S THE SUPER-VILLAIN CONVENTION THIS WEEKEND!

OH HECK! SOMEHOW THE HOTEL HAS BEEN DOUBLE-BOOKED!

FIGHT!

HANG ON! THE VILLAINS HAVEN'T COMMITTED ANY CRIMES YET!

SINCE WHEN DID SUPERHEROES NEED AN EXCUSE FOR A FIGHT?

CRASH!

LOOKS LIKE THE CONVENTION'S GOT OUT OF HAND!

HEY! WHAT'S THAT?

A *METEOR!* AND IT'S ON COURSE FOR *DIRECT IMPACT!* GOT TO *WARN* THESE BOZOS!

BREAK IT UP! YOU'RE IN *REAL* DANGER FROM A *METEOR* HEADING THIS WAY!

ONE OF YOU *FLYING HEROES*, ZIP UP THERE AND *DESTROY* THE METEOR IN SPACE!

COUNT ME OUT! I'M SCARED OF HEIGHTS!

ME TOO!

IF ONLY THE EVIL *METEOR DESTRUCTION MAN* WAS HERE! *HE'D* THINK OF SOMETHING! METEOR-RELATED DOOMSDAY PLOTS ARE HIS *SPECIALITY!*

HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU THAT HE MIGHT BE *BEHIND* THIS?

OH!

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE FOUND OUR BAD GUY. NOW WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIS HIDEOUT – *FAST!*

A *GIANT MAGNET* ON THE ROOF! THIS *MUST* BE IT!

CRASH!

NO! YOU SHOULD BE AT THE *CONVENTION* WITH THE *OTHER* SUPER-TYPES!

WHUMP!

LET ME GUESS – *YOU* ARRANGED FOR ALL THE HEROES AND VILLAINS TO CONVENE IN ONE TARGET SO THEY'D ALL BE *DESTROYED!*

IN A FEW *SECONDS* – EVEN *YOU* CANNOT STOP A *METEOR!*

BUT I CAN, THANKS TO WHAT I'VE LEARNT FROM MY COMPUTER GENIUS BUDDY, *TEKNO!*

DONE IT! I'VE REVERSED THE MAGNETIC FLOW, TO REPEL THE METEOR BACK INTO SPACE!

LATER...

YOUR VALIANT ACTIONS HAVE SAVED US! I PROPOSE THAT YOU BECOME MEMBERS OF OUR *JUSTICE LEGION OF CHAMPIONS!*

SORRY, BUT OUR WORK IS DONE HERE. WE'VE GOT OTHER ZONES TO EXPLORE!

JUST AS WELL, SONIC ...YOU'D LOOK *RIDICULOUS* IN *TIGHTS!*

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CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND CREW HAVE JOINED KNUCKLES IN THE FLOATING ISLAND CONTROL ROOM...

KEEP GOING KNUCKLES, LAD! WE BE NEARLY THERE!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, CAPTAIN...

I'VE NEVER TAKEN THE FLOATING ISLAND UP AS HIGH AS THIS BEFORE!

IF YOU DON'T FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOON, I'M...

WAIT! THERE SHE IS, BY CRIKEY...

THE GHOST SHIP OF TANTARAGOR!

KNUCKLES™

The GHOST SHIP

Part 2

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OKAY, PLUNDER, WE'VE **FOUND** YOUR GHOST SHIP...

NOW IT'S TIME FOR **YOU** TO HAND OVER THOSE PLANS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND YOU SAY YOU HAVE!

YOU REMEMBER...YOU SAID THEY WOULD BE JUST THE THING I NEEDED TO HELP ME REPAIR THE TECHNICAL SYSTEMS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

I DON'T HAVE 'EM **ON** ME, LAD!

NO, I KEEP 'EM SAFE 'N' SOUND BACK IN ME **PIRATE'S HIDEAWAY!**

IF THIS IS A **TRICK!**

I **PROMISE** EE, LAD, IT'S THE **TRUTH** AS RIGHT AS I'M STANDING HERE!

I STOLE A TRUNK **BRIM-FULL** OF ANCIENT PARCHMENTS ABOUT THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM A SKY FREIGHTER YEARS AGO!

WHERE DO EE THINK I GOT THE MAP FOR THE LOST PYRAMID OF SANDOPOLIS FROM, EH?

NOW LET'S GET TOPSIDE AND TAKE A **GOOD** LOOK AT THAT GHOST SHIP!

*SEE SEC #47 FOR KNUCKLES' AND THE CAPTAIN'S LAST MEETING - Megadroid.

SOON...

WE HAVE A LINE SET UP, CAP'N!

THEN WHAT BE WE *WAITIN'* FOR?...

LET'S GO!

KNUCKLES... WE DON'T BE NEEDIN' ANY *HELP*, LAD!

I JUST WANT TO KEEP MY EYE ON THINGS... THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL THIS!

NOBODY ON BOARD, CAP'N!

SPREAD THE WORD... GRAB *WHATEVER* EE CAN FIND... THEY MAY BE BACK ANY MINUTE!

THEY?

YOU SAID THIS WAS A *DESERTED* GHOST SHIP, PLUNDER!

AYE, WELL, THAT'S *SORT OF* TRUE...

'SORT OF TRUE'?

I'VE *FOUND IT*! IT'S *THIS* WAY, CAP'N!

GOOD WORK, FILCH LAD!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? SOME KIND OF WAILING?

I HEAR NUTHIN', MATEY!

IS THIS WHAT YOU BE LOOKIN' FOR, CAP'N?

AYE... THAT IT BE, FILCH!

THE TANTARAGOR IDOL!

ALL THIS FOR A LITTLE STATUE?

AH, BUT NOT JUST ANY STATUE, LAD...

AIEEEEE!

WHAT? THAT CAME FROM THE DECK...

I THINK OUR LUCK BE JUST ABOUT TO RUN OUT...

PLUNDER, WHAT IS IT YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME?

WHAT HAVEN'T I TOLD EE, LAD?...

I HAVEN'T TOLD EE ABOUT THEM!

THEY HAVE REMOVED THE IDOL.

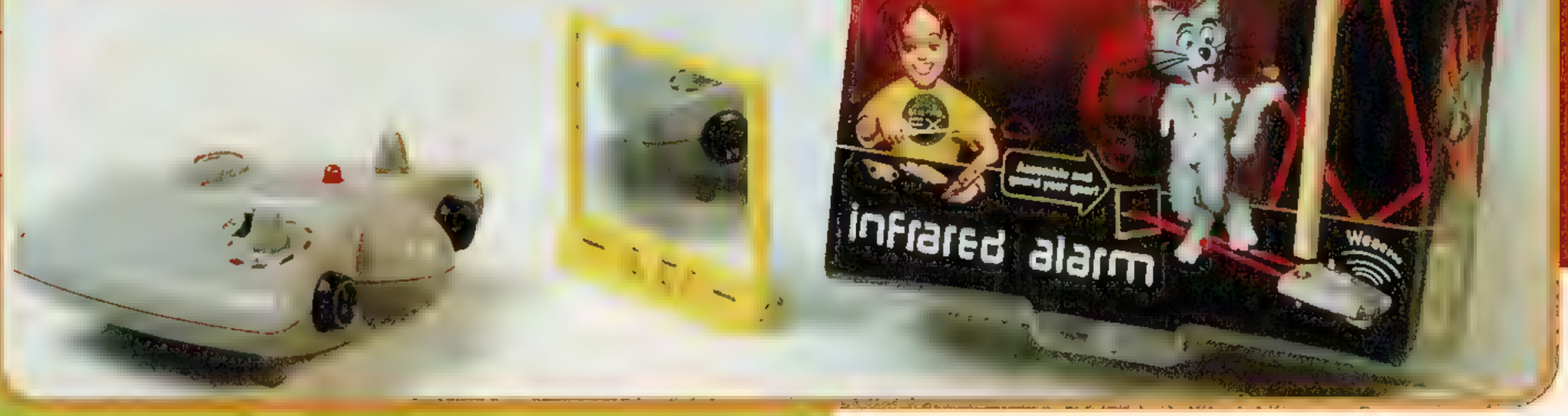
NO MATTER. FOR NOW THEY ARE ALL OUR SLAVES.

NEXT ISSUE: SLAVES!

AMAZING

science FX

GAMES TO BE WON!



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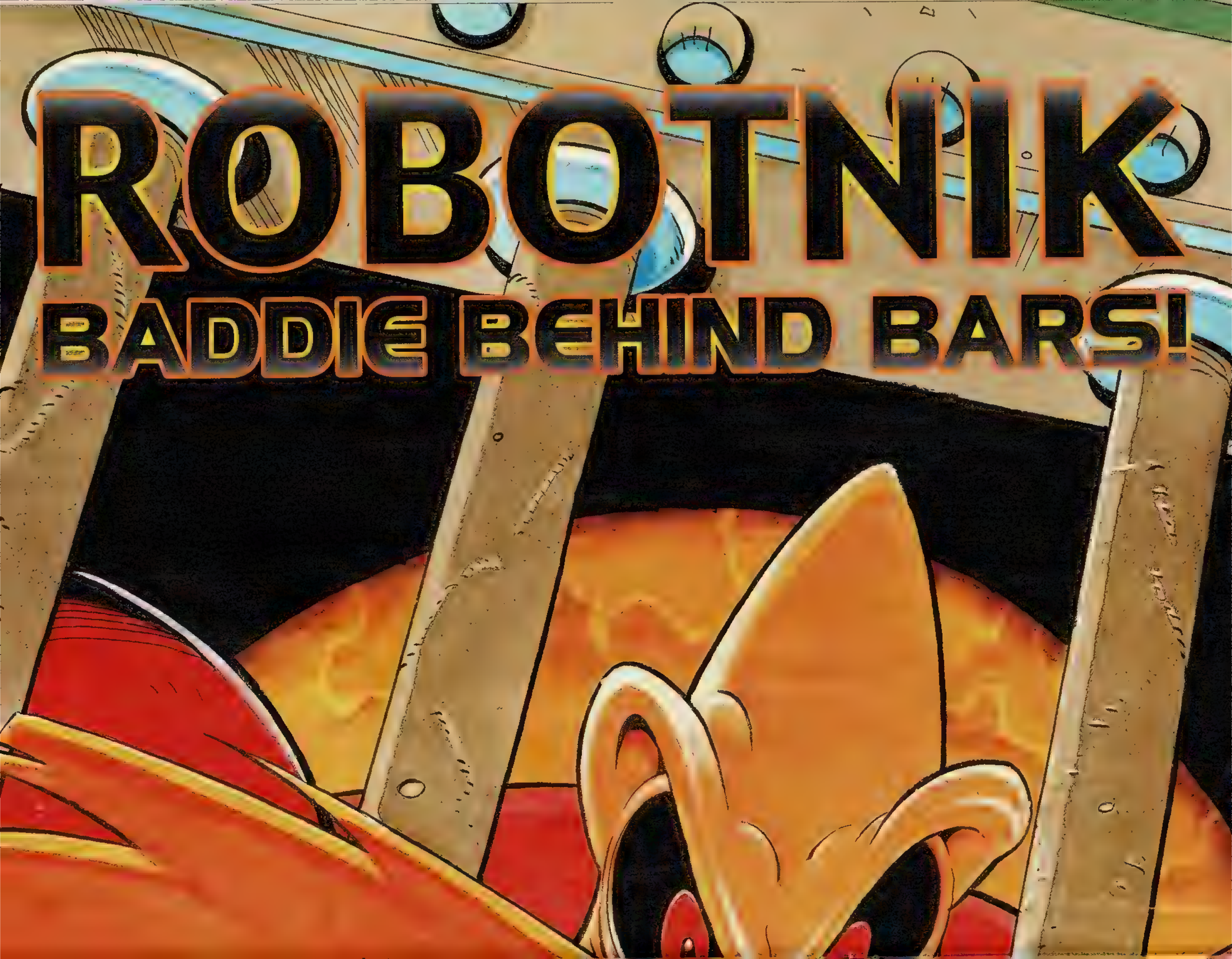
BADDIE BEHIND BARS!



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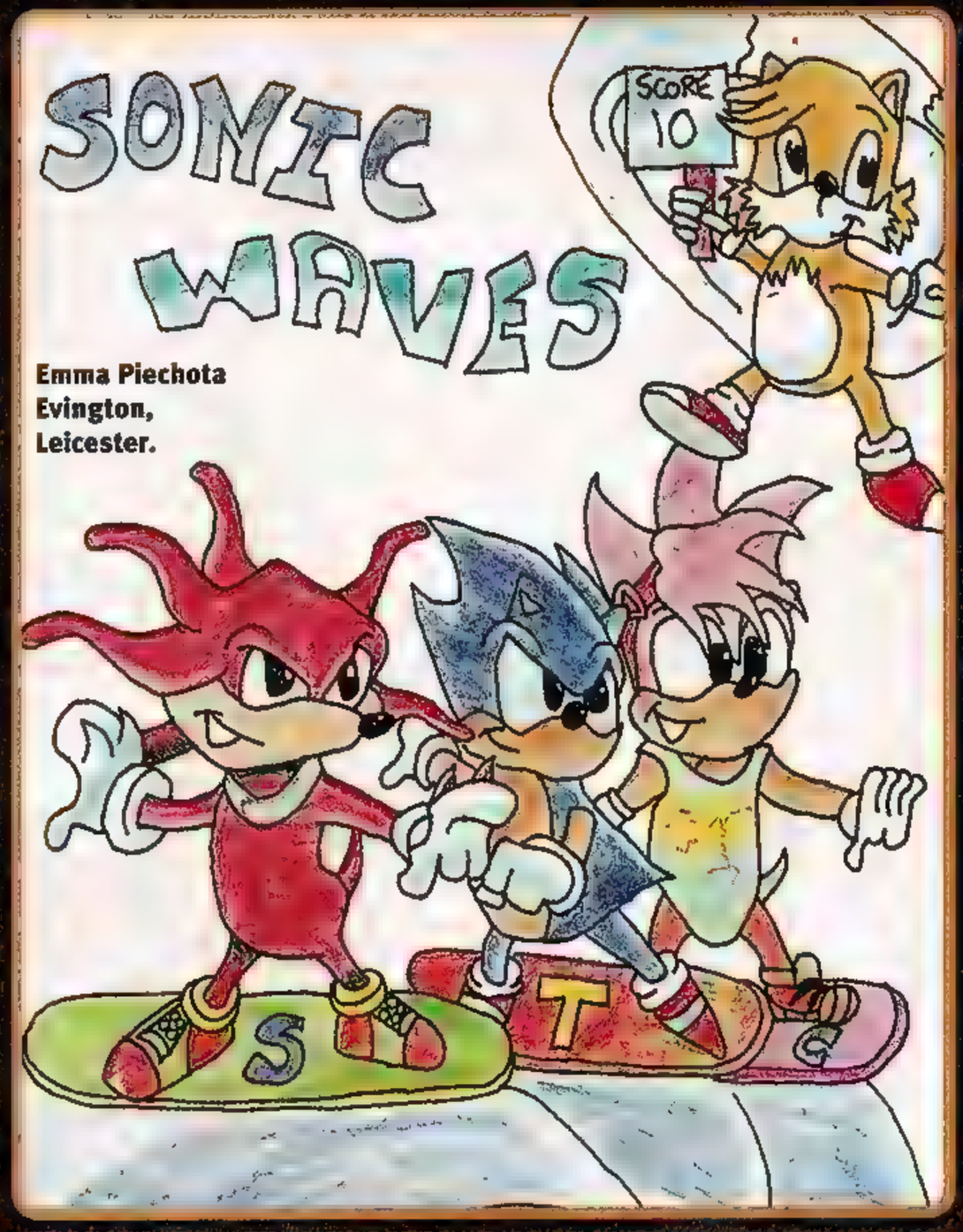

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TAILS HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE CRAZED NUTZAN BOLT WHO NOW HAS A BODY OF LIVING ICE.

GOODBYE ZONERUNNER, IT HASN'T BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU.

I WISH *SONIC* WAS HERE, HE'D KNOW WHAT TO DO.

FSSSS

HE USED THE *'S' WORD!*

PHWEEP

YOU DON'T LIKE IT WHEN I SAY *SONIC?*

FWOOP!

SSHHHH!

HE USED THE *'S' WORD* AGAIN!

THAT'S IT. YOU'RE *FINISHED...*

AND YOU'RE *MELTING.*

BLOORPP!

WHAT? I'VE LOST CONTROL.

DRATTED ZONERUNNER! ACTIVATE HEAD WHEELS!

I'LL GET YOU - HEE HEE - IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO.

I'M STUCK.

KKRK!

KKROOM!

YIKES!

NOW I HAVE YOU AT MY MERCY, HEH HEH! THIS CONTROLS THE *WEATHER* IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE..

...I'M GOING TO MELT THE *CHEMICAL ICE!* HEE, HEE. YOU'LL *NEVER* GET OUT OF MY ICE CASTLE IN TIME. YOU'LL BE DROWNED *AND* POISONED!

BLAMM!

RAPID HEATING ENGAGED. THANK YOU... URK!

SAB, GET UP. I THINK NUTZAN'S DONE SOMETHING *REALLY* BAD.

UURRGH, MY HEAD. THAT WAS SOME PUNCH.

ZONERUNNER! YOU DEALT WITH NUTZAN?

YOU'RE TOO LATE. HAH HAH HAGURGLE...

THE CASTLE'S STARTING TO COLLAPSE. I GUESS THIS IS IT...

IF ONLY WE HAD A *MICROPUTER* WE COULD REPROGRAM IT AND STABILISE THE TEMPERATURE AND THE WEATHER.

WOULD *THIS* HELP?

I JUST WANTED TO SAY IT'S BEEN AN HONOUR TO KNOW YOU, ZONE-RUNNER.

GOLLY. THANKS, UM, IT'S BEEN NICE TO MEET YOU TOO.

...FIRST INSTALL AND RUN AN *INSTANT FREEZE* PROGRAM...

KK... INSTANT FREEZE ENGAGED... GAKK.

...THEN INSTALL AND RUN A *WEATHER STABILIZATION* PROGRAM.

WOW!

OKAY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

LATER, OUTSIDE THE ICE CASTLE.

YOU *DID IT*, ZONERUNNER. YOU DEFEATED NUTZAN BOLT AND SAVED THE ZONE FROM BEING TURNED INTO A DEADLY CHEMICAL SEA.

HE SAVED *EVERYONE* IN THE UNDERGROUND CITY! THE CHEMICALS WERE FLOODING IN – WE DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE!

I DID? BUT... ER...

HOW AM I GOING TO EXPLAIN IT? THEY'LL *NEVER* BELIEVE ME. I'D BETTER NOT SAY ANYTHING. IT'LL ONLY GET ME INTO TROUBLE.

FRIENDS, THANKS TO THE *ZONERUNNER* WE'RE *FREE* AND THE TYRANT NUTZAN BOLT IS FINISHED. WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO START ANEW AND LIVE IN PEACE.

I DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING. HIS HEAD JUST... THAT IS...

HOORAY FOR THE ZONERUNNER!

WHAT AN AWESOME WARRIOR!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MODEST HE IS...

'BYE EVERYONE. LOOK AFTER MY COAT AND MICROPUTER FOR ME.

THE FLOATER DRONE RETURNS TAILS TO WHERE HE WAS SLEEPING.

I'M WACKED. JUST TIME TO GET SOME SLEEP BEFORE SONIC TURNS UP.

WAKE UP, TAILS!

SONIC! AMY! YOU WON'T *BELIEVE* WHAT HAPPENED TO ME...

SAVE IT FOR LATER, PIXEL-BRAIN – WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.

SIGH!

The End

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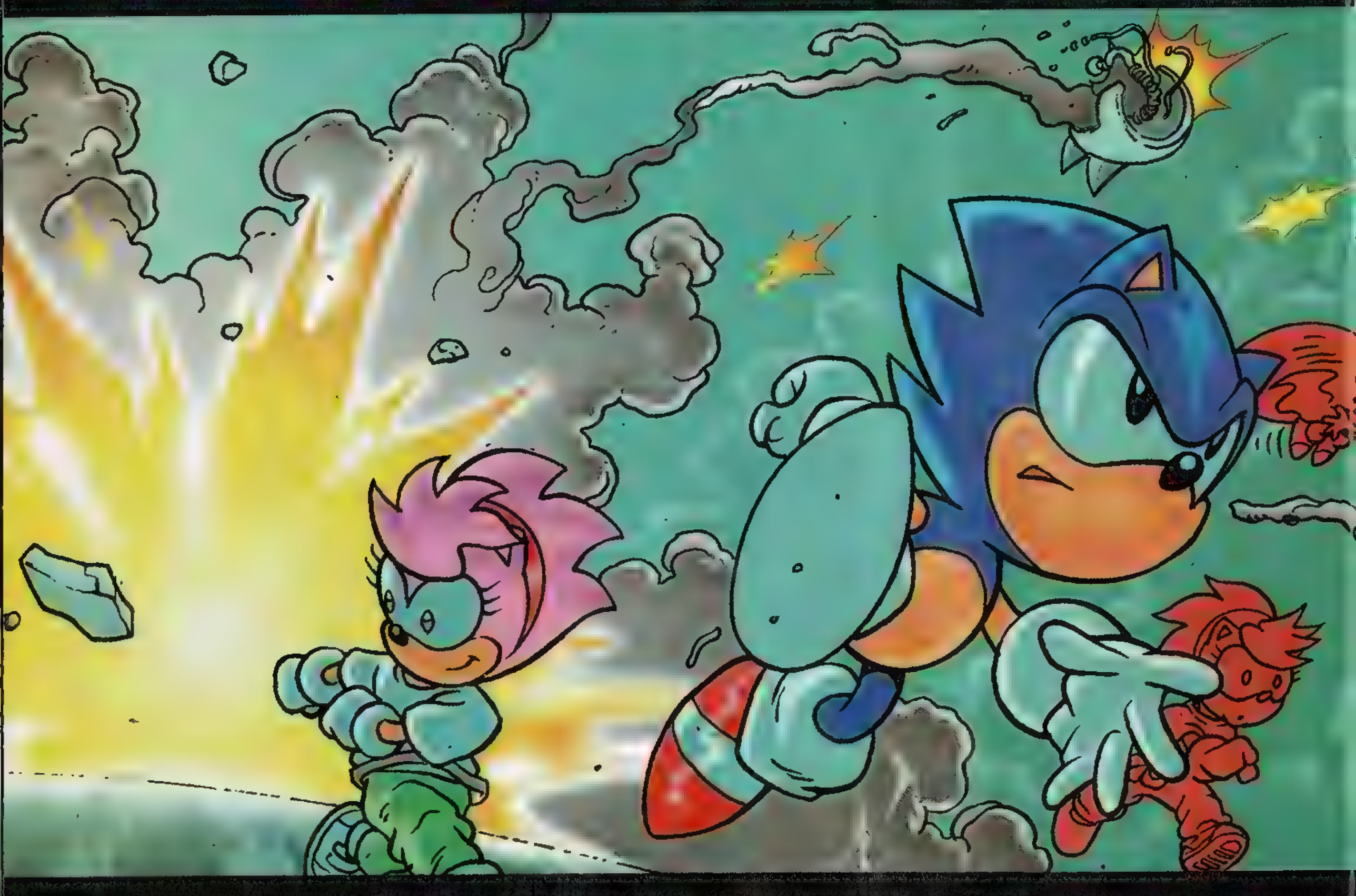

DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR SONIC & AMY!

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WIN SCIENCE FX MICROSPY GAMES!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Disaster! PART 3

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IT'S ALL OVER FOR THE DEATH EGG!

ROBOTNIK'S DEADLY DEVICE IS BEING TORN APART BY KNUCKLE'S ATTACK FROM THE FLOATING ISLAND.

SFOOM!

SONIC WOULD BE A LOT MORE IMPRESSED BY THIS IF HE WASN'T, AT THIS MOMENT, FALLING TO CERTAIN DEATH!

UH OH! EGGROBO'S GOT THE MASTER EMERALD! I MUST STOP IT GETTING BACK TO ROBOTNIK!

HEY BUDDY, MIND IF I BORROW THIS? THANKS!

I'LL ONLY GET ONE CHANCE...

AND THE CROWD GOES *WILD!* HOW *DOES* THE COOL, BLUE HEDGEHOG DO IT?

SHRAK!

BETTER YET— THE EMERALD IS FALLING ONTO THE FLOATING ISLAND!

SCORE ONE MORE FOR THE GOOD GUYS!

YOU WON'T LIVE TO ENJOY YOUR VICTORY, SONIC... IT'S STILL A *LONG WAY* DOWN!

OH YEAH, *FORGOT* ABOUT THAT! WAIT AMO...

HOLD THAT POSE, CHUCKLES!

WH... WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?*

MEANWHILE, ON BOARD THE STRICKEN DEATH EGG...

NO NOOOO! MY EXQUISITE DEATH EGG!

IT'S OVER, GREAT ROBOTNIK, WE HAVE TO *LEAVE*, WHILE WE STILL CAN!

ALL RIGHT, GRIMER, WE'LL GO!

BUT I SHALL HAVE MY *REVENGE...* THE WHOLE OF THE *EMERALD HILL ZONE* IS GOING TO *SUFFER* LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

BOY, THAT EGGROBO *REALLY* DIDN'T WANT TO LEND ME HIS *JET PACK!*

HIS LOSS! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN REACH THE FLOATING ISLAND!

OH LOOK, A FALLING DEATH EGG... TIME TO MAKE A WISH!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW – IT *WORKED!* THERE'S THE *EMERALD* JUST WHERE I EXPECTED IT TO BE!

BOY, THIS THING IS *HEAVY!* STILL I'VE *GOT* TO GET IT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND'S *EMERALD CHAMBER!* WITHOUT ITS POWER THE FLOATING ISLAND CAN'T STAY IN THE SKY FOR MUCH LONGER ... I *DREAD* TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF IT *CRASH-LANDED ON MOBIUS!*

K-ZAKK!

I JUST *KNEW* YOU'D SURVIVE THAT FALL SOMEHOW, *SPIKEBALL!* NOW STAND ASIDE, I WANT THAT MASTER EMERALD!

ROBOTNIK! DON'T YOU *EVER* GIVE UP?

BLKKOWN!

DON'T BOTHER THINKING OF A REPLY, WALRUS CHOPS... YOU DON'T HAVE *TIME!*

FIRST I'M GOING TO **SQUASH** YOU LIKE THE *INSECT* YOU ARE!

THEN I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PRECIOUS EMERALD HILL ZONE... *PERMANENTLY!*

BTHOOM!

BRAKK!

YOU TALK TOO MUCH!

SKTK!

I... I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS BEFORE... NEVER SO *SAVAGE!*

PTOW!

KRRANG!

THE ISLAND'S EDGE! AAAAAGH!

I... I DIDN'T MEAN TO KNOCK HIM OVER...

HUH, LOOKS LIKE ROBOTNIK'S LUCK IS HOLDING OUT AS USUAL!

THOSE DAMAGED JETS SHOULD TAKE HIM DOWN SAFELY... THOUGH I WOULDN'T BET ON A *SOFT* LANDING!

KNUCKLES... JUST WHEN I *DON'T* NEED YOU!

LATER, SONIC! IF WE DON'T GET THE MASTER EMERALD BACK TO THE EMERALD CHAMBER NOW, IT'LL BE *TOO LATE* TO STOP THE FLOATING ISLAND CRASHING!

NOT SO *FAST*, SUNSHINE! DON'T FORGET, I GOT THE EMERALD OFF ROBOTNIK AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO LET YOU HAVE IT...

IN RETURN FOR A LITTLE *FAVOUR!*

THREE DAYS LATER OFF THE COAST OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.

I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER SEE HOME AGAIN.

ROBOTNIK'S EVIL MUST COME TO AN END ONE DAY. I KNOW WE'LL RETURN.

SO THAT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND! HOW IS ANYTHING THAT BIG ABLE TO *FLY*?

THE LAST BOAT IS NEARLY ACROSS, SONIC, WE MAY AS WELL LAND!

OKAY, TAILS!

YOU MAY HAVE DRIVEN US OUT, ROBOTNIK ... BUT WE'LL BE BACK, *COUNT ON IT!*

OKAY, RED, EVERYONE'S HERE. THE EMERALD HILL ZONE IS *COMPLETELY EVACUATED!*

RIGHT, AS LONG AS YOUR PEOPLE KEEP TO THE FLOATING ISLAND'S *MUSHROOM HILL ZONE* EVERYTHING SHOULD WORK OUT FINE!

YOU HAVE OUR WORD...

BUT WHAT'S MORE TO THE POINT, NOW THAT THE FLOATING ISLAND IS ON *FULL EMERALD POWER* WE'RE SAFE FROM ANY ATTACK!

THAT'S THE THEORY ANYWAY.

I TRIED GOING EASY ON THOSE EMERALD HILL *WORMS!* I TRIED TO BE A *JUST RULER!*

BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW! FROM NOW ON IT'S *NO MORE MISTER NICENIK!*

NEXT ISSUE : IF THINGS AREN'T ALREADY BAD ENOUGH — HERE COMES PREDICTO!

MIAMI MICE

CURSE OF THE MUMMY

ZZZ... SPOOKY MOVIE!

GRAB THE DAIRYLEA! OUR TUBBY TABBY AMIGO IS DOZING IN FRONT OF THE TV!

S'LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!

BUT TASTIER YAH?

CREAAAK!

UH-OH! LOOSE FLOORBOARD!

ZZZ...MIAMI MICE!

MEEOOOW!

HE'S RIGHT ON OUR TAIL!

QUICK! THAT FIRST AID BOX!

MARK BEMINGTON

THEN...

HA-HAH! THEY'VE ABANDONED THE DAIRYLEA!

THE CURSE OF THE CHEESY PYRAMID IS UPON YOU O' FAT FURRY ONE!

EH?!

M-M-MUMMY MICE!

AAAAARGGGH!

CRASH!

ANOTHER DAIRYLEA MISSION 'WRAPPED' UP!

DAT SCAREDY CAT WATCHES FAR TOO MUCH TV!

BANDAGE

WARNING! THESE MICE WILL DO ANYTHING FOR DAIRYLEA